

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9-21, 23, and 25-34 are pending in the present application. By this Reply, claims 1, 17, 32 and 33 have been amended. Claims 1, 4, 32 and 33 are independent.

Personal Interview with Examiner on February 11, 2008

Applicants appreciate the Examiner for the personal interview conducted with Applicants' representative on February 11, 2008 and for the Interview Summary. As indicated in the Interview Summary, proposed amendments to the independent claims were discussed, which the Examiner has indicated would appear to overcome the prior art rejections. Thus, to expedite prosecution, the claims have been amended as discussed during the interview. Accordingly, all of the current rejections should be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 102 and 103 Rejection

Claims 1, 9-11, 17, 25, 26 and 32-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Park (U.S. PGPub 2001/0009537 A1). Claims 2, 3, 5, 12, 16, 18-20, 27 and 31 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park (U.S. PGPub 2001/0009537 A1) in view of Ohata et al (U.S. Patent Number 6,469,978 B1). Claims 7 and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park (U.S. PGPub 2001/0009537 A1) in view of Lee et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,934,236 B2). Claims 13-15 and 28-30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Park (U.S. PGPub 2001/0009537 A1) and Ohata et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,469,978 B1), as applied to claims 12, and 28 above, and further in view of Takahashi (U.S. PGPub 2002/0136537 A1). These rejections, insofar as they pertain to the presently pending claims, are respectfully traversed.

Without acquiescing to any of the Examiner's allegations made to reject these claims, but to advance prosecution only, claim 1 has been amended as discussed during the interview, which the Examiner has indicated would overcome the current rejection(s). Other independent claims of varying scope have been amended in a similar manner. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections are respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement is being filed herewith. Initialed PTO Form 1449 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

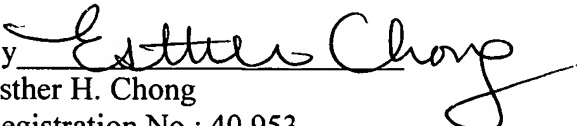
For the foregoing reasons and in view of the above clarifying amendments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw all of the objections and rejections of record, and an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Registration No. 40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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